

Servers Today, June 26, 2016

**Pursuing God's Righteousness
(Romans 9:1-33)**

Speaker: Santiago Sameon II
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre
 Invocation: Jhun Bayating
 Intercessory Prayer: Dexter Wagang
 Communion Text: Galatians 3:23-29
 Scripture Reading: Donnel Gonzales
 Prayer for the Bread: Richard Bestre
 Prayer for the Cup: Sam Quezada
 Prayer for the Giving: June Reyes
 Closing Prayer: CD Espinosa
 Announcement: Andy Bestre
 Evening Speaker: Santiago Sameon II
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre
 To Bring Flowers: Volunteers Needed
 To Bring Biscuits: Volunteers Needed
 To Bring Drinks: Volunteers Needed
 Usher/ettes: Baddas Family

Communion: Cot & CD Espinosa
 Worship Coordinator: Rod Tada | Lem Glori

**How To Become a
Biblical Christian**

- 1). Admit that you are a sinner and in need of salvation, 1 John 3:4,8; Rom.3:10,23; Rom. 6:23.
- 2). Hear the pure New Testament gospel of Christ; Romans 1:16; Rom. 10:17.
- 3). Believe the gospel, Hebrews 11:6; Mark 16:16; John 8:24
- 4). Repent of your sins, Acts 2:38; Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30.
- 5). Confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, Mat. 10:32; Acts 8:37; Rom. 10:10.
- 6). Be baptized into Christ, Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16.
- 7). Remain faithful unto death, Rev. 2:10;

Servers for July 3, 2016

**Trusting in the Righteousness of God
(Romans 10:1-21)**

Speaker: Santiago Sameon II
 Song Leader: Andy Bestre
 Invocation: Ernie Wagang
 Intercessory Prayer: Julius Rojo
 Communion Text: Ephesians 2:1-10
 Scripture Reading: Kajem Kitma
 Prayer for the Bread: Ric Bondoc III
 Prayer for the Cup: O'neil Gonzales
 Prayer for the Giving: Abe Insas
 Closing Prayer: Rolito Tugay-an
 Announcement: Annan Bayla
 Evening Speaker: Jojo Ramos
 Song Leader: Annan Bayla
 To Bring Flowers: Volunteers Needed
 To Bring Biscuits: Volunteers Needed
 To Bring Drinks: Volunteers Needed
 Usher/ettes: Greg Kitma & Family

Communion: Ruth Trinidad
 Worship Coordinator: Rod Tada | Lem Glori



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**Christian Daniel admitted
in SIBI Singapore**

Brother CHRISTIAN DANIEL 'CD' RIVERA ESPINOSA, only child of spouses Noel & Cot Espinosa, is scheduled to leave the country for Singapore on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 to pursue a 2-year study in *Advanced Biblical Studies* at the Sunset International Bible Institute (SIBI) in Pasir Panjang. He was recently admitted by SIBI as full scholar and will enjoy free tuition, board & lodging, and airfare.

Brother CD is a fresh graduate of the International Baccalaureate (IB) Course at the Brent School International—Baguio. Midtown congratulates him for pursuing a praiseworthy endeavor and prays for a truly fruitful training in ministry. *Bon voyage!* Ω

**35 kids attend Bokod VBS;
27 adults worship**

A total of thirty-five (35) children attended the two-day Vacation Bible School (VBS) at the Velasco Residence in Poblacion, Bokod on June 18 & 19, 2016. Serving as teachers were sisters Janet Ramos, Judy Ann Pucay, and Rhea May Wais.

Last Sunday, June 19th, the three congregations in Bokod, namely, Pito, Pened, and Poblacion met for joint worship in Poblacion. Twenty-seven (27) adults attended the worship assembly in the morning while the VBS ran the whole day.

Incidentally, the children received a schoolbag each coming from a package recently sent by the Pasir Panjang congregation. All were very joyful of the development—true to the VBS theme, *"The Joy of the Lord is Your Strength"* (Nehemiah 8:10).Ω

**Couples & Ypeez learn
to live with purpose**

On Saturday evening of June 18, 2016, the Couples Care Group composed of spouses Jun & Lulu Bondoc, Lem & Vangie Glori, Noel & Cot Espinosa, Jojo & Janet Ramos, Nainer & Rica Nawew, and Eric & Jing Sacayanan, met at the Ramos residence, San Luis Village, Asin Rd., for fellowship and a study on *"The Purpose of Marriage"* facilitated by brother Jojo Ramos.

Meanwhile, earlier on the same day, eleven young people attended the YPeez Care Group at the Family Life Center, Session Rd., with brother JJ Ramos facilitating a study on *"The Purpose of Life."*Ω

**"He who cannot forgive
breaks the bridge over which
he himself must pass."**

READ Matthew 6:14-15

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**Vizcayan businessman
baptized into Christ**

Brother TEVES MARIANO, 55 years old, an agri-businessman, and a resident of Kayapa, Nueva Vizcaya, was baptized into Christ after a personalized Bible study with brother Jojo Ramos in Barangay Pito, Bokod on June 18, 2016. Brother Teves is married to sister Lydia, a member of the church of Christ in Solano, Nueva Vizcaya.

The Mariano couple and their two children expressed desire that a congregation be established in Kayapa soon. For the time being, they will be serving with the Pito congregation in Bokod.Ω

Ladies' devotional

& fellowship resumes today

The Ladies Devotional & Fellowship that was deferred due to a well-founded expected lack of attendance last Sunday will resume right after the morning worship assembly today. The 2nd Quarter Steering Group is up to conclude this quarter's schedule of activities with an interactive study on *"How to Help Brethren Get Rooted in the Faith."* This study aims to explore ways to help brethren avoid falling away (Matt.13:20-21).

As usual, a hearty luncheon fellowship will precede the devotional. All ladies are cordially invited.Ω

**20 join young adults' trip
to famous El Nido**

Twenty (20) young adults, namely, Mervin & Kat Oliva, Chris & Kesha Oliva, Ryan & Jesse Bestre, Abi & Mahaysha Kitma, Denise & Gracelyn Abance, Dexter & Angelica Wagang, Sheema Valdez, Ariadne Cadias, Jamie Yaneza, Aldian Po, JJ Ramos, Eden Mariano, and Dan-gil & Lala Geron (with son Lhuke), are currently on vacation at the world-renowned island of El Nido, Palawan. The group left Baguio City June 22 and are expected to return today, June 26th, right after conducting their own worship assembly. The congregation is requested to pray for their safe travel as well as to thank the Lord for their admirable solidarity.Ω

**Last Sunday's Offering
June 19, 2016**

**AM COLLECTION
P35,111.90**

**PM COLLECTION
P1,980.00**

**AM/PM TOTAL COLLECTION
P37,091.90**

MOM - P500

ATTENDANCE

AM Adults -92 YP - 49 Children - 48 Guests - 0	PM Adults - 21 YP - 15 Children - 4 Guests - 0
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TOTAL - 189

TOTAL - 40

**TOTAL ATTENDANCE
(AM/PM) 229**

PRAYER LIST

Good Health & Fast Recovery:

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| *Rosita Go | *Clabern Abance |
| *Mely Genato | *Jhun Bayating |
| *Amy Go | *Aracelli Pelle |
| *Feliza Go | *Lily Soriano |
| *Charity Ong | *Jun Soriano |
| *Ian Pajantoy | *Andy Bestre |
| *Gloria Yang | *Ching Chih Yang |
| *Marina Gawe | *Ed Concepcion |
| *Mark Poblete | *Charlie Alvarez |
| *Sotero Denis | *Mellina Licupa |
| *Bernie Austria | *Celia Cirilo |
| *Norma Aping | *Angelita Enerva |
| *Josefa Josayan | *Flordeline Abance |
| *Arian Kaith Igoy | *Luisa Aurigue & Baby |
| *Damian Mercado | *Diana Geron |
| *Robinson Palaypayon | |

SAFE PREGNANCY

- *Veronica Zamora
- *Amy Marcelo

James 5:15

*"And the prayer offered
in faith will make the
sick person well; the
Lord will raise him up;
....." NIV*

SAFE TRAVEL

*Young Adults' trip back to
Baguio; Shinar Ciencia
back to USA; CD & Jesse to
Singapore*

ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- **YOUNG PEOPLE'S MINISTRY MEETING**— right after the AM worship assembly today.
- **TUESDAY CHURCH FORUM**—June 28, 2016 @ 12:00—2:30 PM
- **LADIES LUNCHEON FELLOWSHIP & DEVOTIONAL**—Today, June 26, 2016 @ 12—2:30 PM
- **NANGALISAN LADIES OUTREACH**—Next Sunday, July 3, 2016. C/o Sister Cot Espinosa & Company.
- **THIRTY DAYS OF PRAYER FOR THE MUSLIM WORLD**—June 6—July 5, 2016
- **5th ASPULAN**—Benguet Sports Center, Wangal, La Trinidad, Benguet | July 2, 2016 @ 8:00 AM—5 PM
- **YP's TRIBUTE TO THE GRADUATES**—Midtown Assembly Hall | Today, June 26, 2015 @ 3:00 PM

PURSUING GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

<Rom.9:3-33>

SANTIAGO B. SAMEON II, B.Th; Ed.D.

INTRODUCTION:

A chaplain was assigned to counsel a death row felon, who was a neurotic, alcoholic, convicted of strangling and killing two women while drunk. For about 40 minutes, they talked about education, art, sports and the necessity of living a good life but he never mentioned about the Salvation and Righteousness that God offered to obedient sinners. <Adapted from SOT#4954,p.1127>

WILLINGNESS TO SUFFER IN PURSUING THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD

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| 1. Concern for physical kindred | - "for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh,..." | Rom.9:3 |
| 2. Jewish advantages | - "who are Israelites, to whom pertain the adoption, the glory the covenants,..." | Rom.9:4 |
| 3. Isaeilite privileges | - "the giving of the law, the service of God and the promises;..." | Rom.9:4 |
| 4. Patriarchal ascendants of Christ | - "of whom are the fathers and from whom, according to the flesh , Christ came,..." | Rom.9:5 |
| 5. Christ the Sovereign eternal God | - "who is over all, the eternally blessed God. Amen." | Rom.9:5 |

BEING PROMISED IS A CONVEYANCE OF PURSUING THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD

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| 1. Effectivity of God's word | - "But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect." | Rom.9:6 |
| 2. Negated as descendants | - "nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham;..." | Rom.9:7 |
| 3. Conveyance of promise is through Isaac | - "but, 'In Isaac your seed shall be called.'" <Gen.21:12> | Rom.9:7 |
| 4. Children by physical birth only | - "That is, those who are children of the flesh,..." | Rom.9:8 |
| 5. Are not counted as God's children | - " these are not the children of God;..." | Rom.9:8 |
| 6. Promised offsprings are counted as seed | - "but the children of the <u>promise</u> are counted as the seed." | Rom.9:8 |
| 7. Promised to Abraham | - "For this is the word of <u>promise</u> ..." | Rom.9:9 |
| 8. The word of promise | - 'At this time I will come and Sarah will have a son.'" <Gen.18:10,14> | Rom.9:9 |
| 9.Through Rebecca and Isaac | - "And not only this, but when Rebecca also had conceived by one man, even by our father Isaac." | Rom.9:10 |
| 10. Prior judgment | - "It was said to her, 'The older shall serve the younger.'" <Gen.25:23> | Rom.9:12 |
| 11.Loved and less loved | - "As it is written, 'Jacob I have loved, but Esau I have hated.'" <Mal.1:2,3; Gen.29:30,31> | Rom.9:12 |

BEING SUBMISSIVE IS A CONVEYANCE OR PURSUING THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD

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| 1. It is God who determines | - "Therefore He has mercy on whom on whom He wills, and whom He wills He hardens." | Rom.9:18 |
| 2. Submit to God's decision | - "You will say to me then, 'Why does He find fault? For who has <u>resisted</u> His will?'" | Rom.9:19 |
| 3. Let us not oppose God | - "But indeed, O man, who are you to reply against God?" | Rom.9:20 |
| 4. Let us question God's decision | - "Will the thing formed say to him who formed it, 'Why have you made me like this?'" | Rom.9:20 |
| 5. God has power over His creation | - "Does not the potter have power over the clay, from the lump to make..." | Rom.9:21 |
| 6. God chooses portion | - "one vessel for honor and another for dishonor?" | Rom.9:21 |

BEING CALLED IS A CONVEYANCE OF PURSUING THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD

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| 1. Universal call | - "even us whom He <u>called</u> , not of the Jews only but also of the Gentiles?" | Rom.9:24 |
| 2. Prophecy of call | - "As He says also in Hosea: 'I will call them My people, who were not my people,..." | Rom.9:25 |
| 3 .Unloved being adored | - "And her beloved, who was not beloved." <Hos.2:23> | Rom.9:25 |
| 4. Unowned prophecy | - "And it shall come to pass in the place where it was said of them 'You are not my people'" Hos.1:10> | Rom.9:26 |
| 5. Children of the living God | - "There they will be <u>called</u> sons of the living God." <Hos.1:10> | Rom.9:26 |
| 6. A portion will be saved | - "be as the sand of the sea, The remnant will be saved." | Rom.9:27 |
| 7. Accomplishing the task rightly | - "For He will finish the work and <u>cut it short</u> in righteousness, ..." <Is.10:22,23; Gal 3:16> | Rom.9:28 |
| 8. Brief task by the Lord | - "Because the Lord will <u>make a short work</u> upon the earth." | Rom.9:28 |
| 9. Provision by the Lord | - "And as Isaiah said before: 'Unless the Lord of Sabaoth had left us a seed,..." | Rom.9:29 |
| 10.We would have been like Sodom | - "We would have become like Sodom,..." | Rom.9:29 |
| 11.We could have ended like Gomorrah | - "And we would have been made like Gomorrah." | Rom.9:29 |

DOING UPRIGHTLY BY FAITH IS THE CONVEYANCE OF PURSUING GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS

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| 1. Our appraisal on Gentiles | - "What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, ..." <Rom.9:30> | Rom.9:30 |
| 2. Attainment of righteousness by faith | - "have attained righteousness, even the righteousness of faith;..." | Rom.9:30 |
| 3. Israel failed in attaining faith | - "but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained the law of righteousness." | Rom.9:31 |
| 4. They based their faith by the law | - "Why? Because they did not seek it by <u>faith</u> , but as it were , by he works of the law." | Rom.9:32 |
| 5. The Jews staggered on Jesus | - "For they stumbled at the stumbling stone." | Rom.9:32 |
| 6. Jesus is a rock of offense to unbelievers | - "As it is written, 'Behold I lay in Zion a stumbling stone and a rock of offense,..." | Rom.9:33 |
| 7. Believers in Jesus are not disgraced | - "And whoever <u>believes</u> on Him will not be put to shame." | Rom.9:33 |

CONCLUSION:

Brethren, we learned from our study the WILLINGNESS TO SUFFER IN PURSUING THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD, BEING PROMISED IS A CONVEYANCE OF PURSUING THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD, BEING SUBMISSIVE IS A CONVEYANCE OF PURSUING THE RIGHTEOUSNESS Further on, we are made aware that BEING CALLED IS A FURTHER CONVEYANCE OF PURSUING THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD and DOING UPRIGHTLY BY FAITH IS CONVEYANCE IN PURSUING THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD. Amen to all of these? Brethren, with all of my heart thank you so much! <SBSII: 7.11.16- Sat>

Up..... coming

EVENTS

RETREATS FELLOWSHIPS CAMPS WORKSHOPS | LECTURESHIPS

30 Days of Prayer for the Muslim World
June 6—July 5, 2016

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http://www.twitter.com/MWPrayerMvement.
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ASIA PACIFIC ELDERS, DEACONS AND SPOUSES' CONFERENCE (APEDS)
Hatten Hotel, Malacca, Malaysia
26—28 July 2016 | USD160

ASIAN MISSION FORUM (AMF 2016)
Hatten Hotel, Malacca, Malaysia
28—31 July 2016 | USD320

FREE MEDICAL—DENTAL MISSION
Midtown Church of Christ Assembly Hall
Top Floor, Marlett's Building
Km 4 Marcos Highway, Baguio City
July 16, 2016 | 8:00 AM—4:00 PM
FREE medical & dental check-up and treatment
FREE medicines, laboratory procedures, therapy, and prayer & counseling

Midtown Church of Christ
SCHEDULE OF MONTHLY / WEEKLY DEVOTIONAL | CARE GROUPS

VENUE	TIME	FACILITATORS
WEDNESDAY		
Midtown Assembly Hall	7—9 PM	Arnan Bayla, et. al.
Irisan Mobile (Baban, Austria, Yang residences)	7 – 9 PM	Andy Bestre/ Sixto Aoas
Congregational Midweek Devotional	6 – 7 PM Every 4 th Wed	Care Group assigned
THURSDAY		
Midtown Assembly Hall	7 – 9 PM (On Hold)	Andy Bestre
Young People Family Life Center	5:30 – 7:30 PM	O'neil Gonzales, et. al.
FRIDAY		
Midtown Assembly Hall	7 – 9 PM	Lemuel Glori / Arnan Bayla
Upper Kitma Village	7 – 9 PM	Greg Kitma / Chris Oliva
SATURDAY		
Sports & Jogging Panagbenga Park	8 – 10 AM	YPeez Sports Enthusiasts
Mobile Saturday Care Group	3 – 5 PM	D. Sameon, E. Wagang, R. Tada
Couples Care Group	5 – 7 PM 4th Saturday	Jun Bondoc / Lemuel Glori
High School Care Group @ Midtown	3 – 5 PM	Young Adults and College students
SUNDAY		
All YPeez Care Group	12 – 3 PM Fourth Sunday	YPs in charge
All Ladies Fellowship	12 – 3 PM Third Sunday	Ladies in charge: 2nd Q Steering Group
Young Adults FLC	3 – 5 PM	YAs in charge

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP ASSEMBLY

HOLY COMMUNION

Communion - 9:00 - 9:30
Bible Classes - 9:30 - 10:30
Message - 10:45 - 11:15

MIDWEEK DEVOTIONALS **SUNDAY PM WORSHIP**

See schedule Worship Assembly
5:30 - 6:30 PM

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